स्वतंत्र एजेंसियों द्वारा टेलीविजन केंद्रों का चलाया जाना

2148. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजी राव शिन्दे** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने कुछ स्वतंत्र एजेंसियों को कम शक्ति वाले ट्रांसमीटरों से टेलीविजन केंद्र चलाने की अनुमति दे दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इस संबंध में अब तक कितने आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं ; और

(घ) सरकार इन एजेंसियों में से किस एजेंसी को टेलीविजन केंद्र चलाने की अनुमति देने का विचार रखती है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने गुजरात के खेडा जिले में पिज में स्थित 1 कि०वा० टी० वी० ट्रांसमीटर के माध्यम से इसके द्वारा कवर किए गए क्षेत्र के लिए उपयुक्त ग्रामीण विकास एवं शैक्षिक कार्यक्रम उपलब्ध कराने हेतु स्थानीय प्रसारण के ट्रांसमिशन के उद्देश्य से राष्ट्रीय डेयरी विकास बोर्ड द्वारा इसका भुगतान आधार पर उपयोग किए जाने संबंधी प्रस्ताव को अनुमोदित कर दिया है । ट्रांसमीटर की मरम्मत इसके परिशोधन तथा परिचालन संबंधी कार्य की लागत राष्ट्रीय डेयरी विकास बोर्ड द्वारा वहन की जाएगी । इलैक्ट्रानिकी विभाग द्वारा तकनीकी सहायता प्रदान की जाएगी ।

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार ने कोई आवेदन आमंत्रित नहीं किए हैं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Setting up of a High Power T.V. Transmitter at Surat

2949. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of High Power T.V. transmitter at Surat is peding with Government for a long time; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to clear the above proposal and the time by when the same is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b). The site earlier identified for the project has not been provided to Doordarshan by the State Government. Steps to select an alternative site have, therefore, been initiated. Action to obtain formal approval of the Government to the project would be taken after the site becomes available. It is not possible to envisage a time schedule until the site becomes available.

Coverage of Doordarshan Network in Gujarat

2150. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) which are the places in Gujarat State which are not covered by Doordarshan nework so far;

(b) whether Government have received representations from the social organisations of the State to increase the coverage of Doordarshan network in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) All the districts of Gujarat are, wholly or partially, covered by the terrestrial TV service. However about 34.5 per cent area of the State remains uncovered.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) With a view to further strengthen terrestrial TV coverage, 22 more TV transmitters are under implementation/ envisaged to be set up, subject to the availability of adequate resources and other infrastructural facilities for the purpose. The details are annexed as Statement. (*See below*) On commissioning of these transmitters, coverage is expected to be available to about 89.7 per cent area and 94 per cent population of the State.

Statement

TV transmitters under implementation/ envisaged to be set up in the State of Gujarat

(I) *High Power Transmitters*

1. Bhuj
2. Surat
3. Vadodara
4. Palitana

(II) *Low Power Transmitters*

1. Khambat
2. Morvi
3. Dharangadhara
4. Nakhtarana
5. Rapar
6. Mangrol (Junagadh distt.)
7. Ider
8. Mahuva
9. Dessa
10. Palitana
11. Ragula
12. Sangeli/Santrampur
13. Khambalia
14. Amod
15. Mangrol (Surat Distt.)
16. Jhagadia

(III) *Very Low Power Transmitters*

1. Netrang
2. Devgadh-Baria.

Film industry on war path

2151. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newsitems captioned "Film Industry on War Path" and "Film Industry threaten stir" which appeared in Hindu and "The Hindustan Times" respectively dated July 16, 1993; and

(b) if so, the details of the observations made therein and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Government have seen the news items. The film industry has raised the following three main points:

(1) Abolition of entertainment tax;

(2) Increase in the royalty rates for feature films telecast; and

(3) Streamlining the procedure for selection of feature films for telecast.

The position regarding these is as follows:

(1) entertainment tax is a State subject and it is primarily for the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to consider this. However, on a request made by the film Federation of India, the State Governments and Union Territory Administrators have been requested to consider the abolition of Entertainment Tax.

(2) the royalty rates for telecast of Hindi and regional language feature films in the National Network of Doordarshan have been revised upwards on 8.6.93.

(3) the film industry was asked to nominate 8 members on the selection committee for films for Doordarshan. The film industry did not avail of this opportunity.